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SUBJ: GDR APPROACH ON US TELEVISION FREQUENCY IN BERLIN

REF: A) STATE 027955; B) BONN 92929; C) USBERLIN 0477

1. SUMMARY: GDR PTT MINISTRY HAS SENT LETTER TO BERLIN
PTT (LPD) AUTHORITIES INFORMING THEM OF GDR NOTIFICATION
TO AMERICAN AUTHORITIES THAT TEMPELHOF TV TRANSMITTER
"UNKNOWN" TO GDR, AND THAT REVISION OF EBERSWALDE TRANS-
MITTER OFFSET WOULD REQUIRE COORDINATION OF TEMPELHOF
TRANSMITTER WITH GDR AUTHORITIES. LPD HAS TRANSMITTED
LETTER TO FRG PTT MINISTRY (BPM) WHICH IS SAID TO BE
CHECKING POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE WITH TEMPELHOF TRANSMISSIONS
BY EBERSWALDE TRANSMISSIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. BERLIN LPD ON 7 MARCH RECEIVED LETTER FROM GDR PTT
MINISTRY DATED 23 FEBRUARY STATING THE FOLLOWING (UNOFFIC-
IAL TRANSLATION): QUOTE WE SHOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT
THE PTT MINISTRY OF THE GDR, WITH REFERENCE TO ITS COORDIN-
ATION APPLICATION FOR THE TELEVISION TRANSMITTER AT
EBERSWALDE (CHANNEL 9), HAS INFORMED THE AMERICAN COMMUNICA-
TIONS ADMINISTRATION THAT A TELEVISION TRANSMITTER OF THE
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AMERICAN MILITARY ADMINISTRATION BERLIN (WEST) IS UNKNOWN
TO IT (GDR). IT (TEMPELHOF TRANSMITTER) HAS TO THE PRESENT
NOT BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION
OF THE GDR. IT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE MAIN FREQUENCY LIST
OF THE IFRB AND THUS COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED IN THE PROCESS
OF FIXING THE OFFSET OF THE EBERSWALDE TRANSMITTER.
CHANGES TO THE OFFSET OF THE EBERSWALDE TRANSMITTER PRE-

SUPPOSE A COORDINATION OF THE TEMPELHOF TRANSMITTER WITH THE GDR. UNQUOTE.

3. IN FORWARDING COPY OF LETTER TO US, LPD INFORMED US IT HAS TRANSMITTED GDR LETTER TO BPM WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE EXTENT TO WHICH OPERATION OF THE EBERSWALDE TRANSMITTER ON THE OFFSET CHOSEN BY GDR MIGHT INTERFERE WITH RECEPTION OF TEMPELHOF TRANSMISSIONS. LPD ALSO INFORMS US UNOFFICIALLY BY TELEPHONE THAT IT HAS RECEIVED "NEGATIVE" LETTERS FROM GDR CONCERNING PROPOSED FRENCH AND BRITISH TV FREQUENCIES IN BERLIN. CONTENTS THESE LETTERS NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESENT, BUT WE ASSUME THEY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO BONN GROUP AND TO KOMMANDATURA IN DUE COURSE.

4. COMMENT: INTENT OF GDR LETTER ON TEMPELHOF TRANSMITTER IS UNCLEAR SINCE IT DOES NOT SPECIFY WHO SHOULD UNDERTAKE COORDINATION WITH GDR. LETTER COULD BE SIMPLY INFORMING LPD THAT GDR DOES NOT ACCEPT ALTERATIONS TO EBERSWALDE OFFSET SUGGESTED BY BPM LETTER OF 13 OCTOBER 1976. IT COULD ALSO BE INTERPRETED AS REOPENING THE MATTER WITH FRG AUTHORITIES, SINCE GDR'S STANDARD PROCEDURE ON FREQUENCY COORDINATION MATTERS AFFECTING BERLIN IS TO ADDRESS LPD, WHICH TRANSMITS LETTER TO BPM WHICH IN TURN ANSWERS DIRECTLY TO GDR. LETTER IN ANY EVENT OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR BPM TO TAKE UP THE PROBLEM AGAIN WITH GDR. WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT AND BONN GROUP WILL WISH TO DO SO, PARTICULARLY IF INVESTIGATIONS REVEAL POTENTIAL INTERFERENCE FROM EBERSWALDE. GEORGE

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